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To : Honorable Jerome E. Horton, Chairman
Honorable Michelle Steel, Vice Chair
Honorable Betty T. Yee, First District
Senator George Runner, Second District
Honorable John Chiang, State Controller

Date : September 25, 2014



From : Lynn Bartolo, Acting Deputy Director
Special Taxes and Fees

Subject : **2015 Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Rate**
October 14-15, 2014 Board Meeting
Item P4 - Property and Special Taxes Deputy Director's Report

In accordance with sections 41030, 41031, and 41032 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) annually determines and notifies the Board of Equalization (BOE) of the Emergency Telephone User Surcharge (ETUS) rate. Once the rate is fixed by the Board and published in its meeting minutes, registered service suppliers will be notified.

OES is required by law to set the surcharge rate by October 1st of each year. OES is required to determine a rate that will produce sufficient revenue to cover anticipated expenditures to support the 9-1-1 emergency telephone program. The BOE received notification (copy attached) from the OES that the ETUS rate will remain unchanged at 0.75 percent for 2015. The rate will apply to charges for intrastate telephone communication services provided on or after January 1, 2015.

Please place this item on the Board's meeting agenda as an informational item.

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Mike Gibson
Mr. Joel Angeles
Mr. Alan LoFaso
Mr. Sean Wallentine
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Ms. Joanne Richmond
Mr. Richard Parrott
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Approved:


Cynthia Bridges, Executive Director



September 5, 2014

Ms. Lisa Sherrod, Administrator
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**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY TELEPHONE USERS SURCHARGE RATE FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2014-15**

Ms. Sherrod:

As stipulated by Revenue Taxation Calendar Code Sections 41030 and 41031, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall determine no later than October 1 of each year, a surcharge rate that will produce sufficient revenues to fund the expenditures authorized in support of California's 9-1-1 program.

Based on revenue projections for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 provided by the Board of Equalization (BOE) dated 8-21-2014, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Public Safety Communications, recommends the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) surcharge remain at the current level of three-quarters of 1 percent (.0075), the maximum allowed by statute.

If you require additional information, please contact William Anderson, (Interim) Branch Manager, of the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch, Public Safety Communications at (916) 657-9911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Ghilarducci', written over a horizontal line.

MARK S. GHILARDUCCI
Director

cc: Karen Wong, Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications
William Anderson, (Interim) Branch Manager, California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Branch